

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending, and are subject to restriction requirements.

A restriction requirement has been advanced as set forth at page 2 of the Action. That restriction is from among the following three groups of inventions:

I. Claims 1-6, 17-23, 33-38, 40, 43, 46 and 49 drawn to a molding process,

II. Claims 7-12, 24-29, 39, 42, 45, 48 and 51 drawn to a molded product, and

III. Claims 13-16, 30-32, 41, 44, 47 and 50 drawn to a molding composition.

Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute herein the claims identified in Group I; that is, Claims 1-6, 17-23, 33-38, 40, 43, 46 and 49.

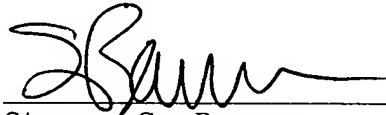
Applicants submit however that no additional effort would be required to search, and thus no drain on Patent and Trademark resources would occur with a search of, all the claims in one application. An examination based on such a search would be a more efficient way to treat the subject application. As such, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

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Having made the above election, Applicants respectfully request a prompt and favorable examination of the subject application.

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